

A CHRISTMAS CONFESSION



I didn't hear old Santa come—he never made a sound,
Just left for me a Christmas tree, with presents all around!
And tho I like each thing he brought, my books and all the rest,
I'll tell you confidentially: I love my dolly best!

—By MARTHA HART, in Successful Farming.

First Christmas Tree

WHEN Ansgarius preached the White Christ to the Vikings of the North, so runs the legend of the Christmas tree, the Lord sent his three messengers, Faith, Hope, and Love, to help light the first tree. Seeking one that should be high as hope, wide as love, and that bore the sign of the cross on every bough, they chose the balsam fir, which best of all the trees in the forest met the requirements. Perhaps that is a good reason why there clings about the Christmas tree in my old home that which has preserved it from being swept along in the flood of senseless luxury that has swamped so many things in our money-mad day. At least so it was then. Every time I see a tree studded with electric lights, garlands of tinsel gold festooning every branch, and hung with the hundred costly knickknacks the storekeepers invent year by year "to make trade," until the tree itself disappears entirely under its burden, I have a feeling that a fraud has been practiced on the kindly spirit of Yule.

Wax candles are the only real thing for a Christmas tree, candles of wax that mingle their perfume with that of the burning fir, not the by-product of some coal-oil or other abomination. What if the boughs do catch fire? They can be watched, and too many candles are tawdry, anyhow. Also, red apples, oranges and old-fashioned cornucopias made of colored paper, and made at home, look a hundred times better and fitter in the green; and so do drums and toy trumpets and wald-horns, and a rocking horse that need not have cost forty dollars.

Washing Windows.
If windows are washed when the sun is shining on them they dry before there is time to polish them, and look streaky. Always dust windows before washing them. Add a little ammonia to the water to make the glass shine and polish well.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHETHER we shout it or sing it, we must be sure to mean it; for if we really mean it when we say, "Merry Christmas, everybody," we will do all in our power to make Christmas a day of unselfish joy for all those within reach of our influence.

Christ came into the world to bring light which brings joy. He came to bring deliverance to men; to solve their difficult problems; to inspire a higher hope in the spirit of men. That is the cause of the deepest joy to mankind. Yes, Christmas is a joyful day as well as a sacred day.

It is a day for doing good deeds, as well as thinking good thoughts. It is not a day for receiving gifts only. There are so many opportunities for doing good, that we may receive joy a hundredfold, with the expenditure of just a little time and thought. There are many who have little; many who do not know the meaning of this day as you know it; many whose spirits are crushed by disaster. Remember them!—Boys' World.

THE FEAST OF LIGHTS

THE lights on the tree are said to be of Jewish origin. In the month of Kislev, of the Jewish year, corresponding nearly to our December, and the twenty-fifth day, Jews celebrated the feast of dedication of their temple. It had been dedicated on that day by Antiochus. It was dedicated by Judas Maccabeus, and, according to Jewish legend, sufficient oil was found in the temple to last for the seven-branched candlestick for eight days, and it would have taken eight days to prepare new oil. Accordingly the Jews were wont on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev in every house to light a candle, on the next day two, and on the eighth and last day of the feast, eight candles twinkled in every house.

It is not very easy to fix the exact date of the Nativity, but it fell most probably on the last day of Kislev, when every Jewish house in Bethlehem and Jerusalem was twinkling with lights. It is worthy of note that the German name for Christmas is Weihnachts (the night of dedication), as though it were associated with this feast. The Greeks also call Christmas the feast of lights, the name given to the dedication festival, Chanukah, by the Jews.

WHY THE CHRISTMAS KISSES?

Osaculation, Allowed by Custom, Celebrates One of Most Charming Events in Tradition.

WHY should men kiss girls who stand under mistletoe? Because they like it and because custom allows it. Every kiss under the mistletoe, however, is a kiss which celebrates one of the most charming events in Christmas tradition.

The romance goes back to the days of the gods of Scandinavia, when Balder the Beautiful was shot by Locke, the Spirit of Evil, with an arrow of mistletoe. But his mother, Venus of the North, restored him to life by saluting with kisses all who passed beneath a branch held aloft in her hand. Thus it became an emblem of love and happy celebration. Ancient races held the plant in great veneration, particularly the Druids, who went in procession into the forests to collect it. After New Year's day it was sacredly distributed among the people as a sacred and holy plant. If any part of the mistletoe touched the ground it was regarded as an omen of impending evil.



A FULL STOCKING.

Hock—Santa Claus apparently has gifts to please everybody.
Rock—Yes, it seems that there is nothing he doesn't keep in stock. He brought one woman of my acquaintance a divorce with alimony and the custody of the poodle.

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MEXICAN VOLCANO ERUPTS.

Ashes Thrown High Above Mountain Tops—Nearby Villages Deserted.

A dispatch from Mexico City says: Popocatepetl, the great volcano to the southeast of this city, burst into violent eruption yesterday afternoon, a column of smoke and ashes being thrown 2,500 feet above the summit of the mountain. President Obregon directed that two aviators be sent to the mountain to ascertain the seriousness of the outbreak. The aviators reported upon their return that they had heard heavy rumbling in the mountain, and that lava was then flowing down the slopes below the crater. Warnings were sent to the residents of nearby villages, but reports indicated that these small places had been deserted for weeks.

Within the past month Popocatepetl has been reported active, each eruption showing greater violence than the one preceding it, and a serious outbreak is feared during the future.

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Four Reported Missing in Fire.

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 14.—Firemen were searching the ruins of the plant of the Hayden Chemical Co. of America to-day for the bodies of four men reported missing following a fire and an explosion at the plant yesterday, which did damage estimated at nearly \$200,000. Thirty employees were burned in the fire, which came after an explosion of a tank of chemicals and soon spread throughout the building. The bursting of an electric light globe over a tank of chemicals is believed to have caused the explosion.

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MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT

Christmas Collars

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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ment which she had repeated several times.

She was speaking of George Farwell. George was so good looking with his wonderful blue eyes, his brown hair, his fine erect figure.

Wherever she saw men she thought how insignificant they looked beside George. She was glad that she thought that way. She hoped others thought that way about the men they cared for. Then everything would be so smooth and so simple.

She wanted everyone to like her George immensely. But it would be embarrassing if everyone thought just the same about him as she did.

The wedding was to be Christmas afternoon. Then they had planned to go to their own new little home which they had just finished furnishing and fixing up. They were going to have their own little Christmas tree there—quite by themselves, and their friends had left their wedding presents and their Christmas presents there, though almost all of the former they had seen, of course.

"Are you almost ready?" It was Mrs. Allen calling up the stairs. "Almost, mother dear," she answered.

"You'll be late," her mother called. "I'll hurry," she said.

"Do you want any help?" But she had taken longer than she had thought. Yes, if she didn't hurry she would be late! Still she would have George all her life now. How wonderful it would be! She wondered if that was why brides were so often late because they felt they had so much time!

It was a gloriously happy thought to realize how much time she had.

She was only ten minutes late. The few friends were at the Christmas day wedding. And her bouquet was of holly and mistletoe. She had always said she would love to have such a wedding bouquet. It would be so merry and Christmasy and such a happy, gay kind of a bouquet.

George had consented of course. He agreed to everything she said, because he loved her so, and she was so fair with him, too, because she loved him so!

The ceremony was over. They drove away in a low sleigh with jingling bells to the small house. There, by themselves, they opened presents. What a glorious time they had.

And she had a little surprise for him. Just a little bit of a surprise. But she knew he would like it.

"Open that box, there, George," she said.

He opened it. And looked at some collars, many, many collars, all much too big for him.

"When I was buying my wedding clothes in town that time, George, I remembered that you'd spoken of a wonderful kind of collar you liked. I remembered the name too. I was a little puzzled when the man asked me your size. I told him though that as long as he had the right kind the size didn't make any difference. When he asked me if you were big or small I told him you were big of course!

"Why, George, what is the matter? Won't they fit you? Is the size so important?"

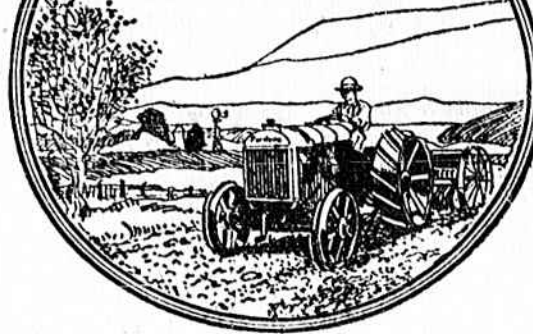
"My darling little girl," he laughed, "what does it matter what the size is. That is—it does matter about wearing them I'm afraid, my love. But to think you thought of me even when you were getting the wedding fineries and remembered the name of the collar."

"They're my Christmas collars," he exclaimed, "and I'll put them away in the box with the Christmas bouquet we're going to save. Such a Christmas gift from a dear little bride should never be mangled by any laundry!"

"What a silly I am," she laughed gaily.

"But such an adorable silly," George answered as he kissed her.

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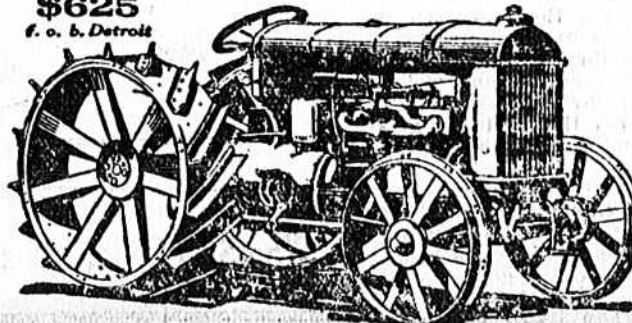
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W. O. WHITE.
Walhalla, S.C., Dec. 14, 1921.—1*

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate).—By V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate.—Whereas, W. C. Mays and J. S. Smith have made suit to me to grant them Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of T. E. Clark, Deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said T. E. CLARK, Deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Friday, the 23d day of December, 1921, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of December, A. D. 1921. (Seal.) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.
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CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate).—By V. F. Martin, Esq., Probate Judge.—Whereas, Mrs. Hannah Sanders has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of Amos Sanders, Deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Amos Sanders, Deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1921, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of December, A. D. 1921. (Seal.) V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee Co., S.C.
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NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass upon any lands belonging to or under the control of the undersigned. This notice specifically prohibits hunting or any entry upon the said lands for any purpose whatsoever without first having received written permission from party whose land is entered. Full penalty of the law will be invoked against any one disregarding this notice.

E. E. VERNER,
F. H. BURNS,
C. L. VERNER.
Nov. 30, 1921. 48-51

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

ALL PERSONS are hereby notified not to trespass on any of my lands in Oconee County, S. C., without written permission from me, by hunting partridges, rabbits, squirrels, opossums or other game, or by cutting timber for cross-ties or for fire-wood, for the purpose of marketing same. All persons so trespassing will be prosecuted as the law provides. WM. J. STRIBLING.
Dec. 14, 1921. 50-1

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

WE, the undersigned, hereby forbid any Bird Hunting on any of the lands owned by us or under our control. Any entry is forbidden positively, and all trespassers will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. (Signed: S. A. TOW, GEORGE HEAD, E. A. ANDERSON, L. C. WILSON, H. H. WHITEHEAD, L. SPURLOCK, J. L. CROW, J. M. BELL, J. E. DEATON, W. D. MOSS, J. S. BARRETT, A. Q. HAND, J. H. HUNTER.)
Dec. 14, 1921. 50-1*

NOTICE FOR FILING COUNTY CLAIMS.

ALL PERSONS having Claims against Oconee County who have not already filed same with the Clerk of the Board will please do so during the month of December, having same duly sworn to. If you have already sent in your Claim, please do not send it again, as it is already on file and will receive the attention of the Board in due time. By order of the Board: J. C. SHOCKLEY, Supervisor.
J. B. S. DENDY, Clerk.
Dec. 7, 1921. 49-52

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